Highway safety

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent
Wintertime Safety on the Highway

The National Safety Council has shared with us some good ways to help you avoid traffic accidents which occur this time of year. Daily we hear fender benders on the highway and in our towns and cities.

That's because a lot of people fail to adjust their regular driving ways to the hazards of the winter season. Poor visibility, ice and snow covered roads and inadequate care preparations all boost your chances of having an accident.

There are ways you can cut the odds. Here are some tips on bad-weather driving recommended by the Committee on Winter Driving Hazards of the National Safety Council. Follow them. They will help you get through the winter as a winner, not a loser.

Way To Start is early. You should make sure you start a little early to your destination. Be sure that you have had your oil changed and antifreeze checked before we have sub-zero temperatures.

You Need a Hot Battery for cold morning starts. Get a charge or maybe it's time for a new one.

Check Your Tires. Regular tires should have a good tread for the bite you need in snow and ice. If you use snow tires, be sure that they are in good condition. Many people use them year after year and store them during the spring and summer months. Be sure yours are in good condition. You get your best traction from chains on ice and deep snows. Keep chains in the trunk of your car if you must drive in severe weather conditions.

Be sure to have your entire exhaust system checked for leaks. Carbon monoxide is a killer and even a small leak in the system could pave the way to disaster. Never warm up your car in a closed garage.

Have your brakes checked and serviced if necessary. Equalized braking on all wheels is vital to avoid a skid on slippery roads.

Be sure to carry emergency safety gear – Glass scraper brush, booster cables, flairs, shovel, sand or rock salt, tow strap or cable, and extra windshield washer fluid.

Way to see is with alert eyes. The hazards are all around you and if you don't see them you are in trouble.

Clean snow and ice from windows, windshield, rear and both sides. No peep hole driving is safe in the wintertime of the year.

You can't light the way unless headlights and taillights are clean. Roadway splatter cuts visibility considerably. Stop and clean headlight and taillight lenses occasionally. Carry a roll of paper towels in the car just for that purpose. **Keep windshield** washer filled with antifreeze solution.

Run your heater and defroster a few minutes before you start out on a cold morning–That way you wil prevent sudden fogging of windshield glass that could blind you.

Bright lights glare in fog and falling snow. Use the low beam and switch on your lights in the daytime, too, if visibility is poor.

Next week I shall run the second part of this two-part article on highway driving safety. If you must drive during the winter weather conditions when the roads are dangerous, please use extra caution and care. Be sure someone knows where you are, where you are going and let your family know when you arrive at your destination.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or you may write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Cottage Cheese Crunch

1 cup cottage cheese
½ teaspoon dill weed
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon Tobasco
1 teaspoon minced onion
½ cup each chopped celery, radishes and green pepper
Lettuce leaves

Combine cottage cheese, dill, salt, tobasco and onion. Blend well. Stir in celery, radishes, and green pepper. Refrigerate. Make rollups by placing a generous spoonful of cottage cheese mixture on each lettuce leaf. Bring up one side of lettuce and roll to cover filling. Secure with food pick if desired. (Also makes a flavorful topping for melba toast, tomato slices or green salads.) Makes 1-¾ cups.

This is different, delicious, nutritious and a change of pace for your menu. Note this is a low-calorie recipe.

Good news for homemakers

Canaan

Regular Worship service 2nd Sunday, Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. Rev. C. L. Elliott the pastor in charge of service. The Young Adult Choir is in charge of the music. The public is invited to worship with us.

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26 spring feeder cattle sales set

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Twenty-six spring feeder cattle sales have been set. Three are in this area. The first Lynchburg is April 1, followed by a sale in Farmville April 9 and the second Lynchburg sale on April 15.

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A young farmer from Smithfield, N.C., Rhil Ricks, wrote an editorial for presentation at the 1981 Young Couples Conference sponsored by Columbia Bank of Cooperatives.

It examines a fault that most are guilty of committing–certainly I am.

"I like the story of the statistician who couldn't swim and drowned crossing a creek which had an average depth of four feet. He was misled by the statistical average and overlooked the vital statistic, a maximum depth of 12 feet in the center."

"It is so easy to be dazzled by big statistics, figures like a farmer feeds 55 to 60 people other than himself. How often do we hear someone refer to 'the average farmer or the average co-op patron?' There is no such person."

"How many statistics do you hear and use every day? Certainly in an organization as large as agriculture there is a wide variation. But there is no average farmer or co-op patron. We are all different, and we need to recognize, respect and utilize these differences if the true story of agriculture is to be told."

"In whatever capacity we are privileged to secure, we need to be reminded constantly that the vital statistic in agriculture is not the 2.8 million of us involved in production, but one."

"The work of the agricultural community is not done by the average farmer but by the individual farmer. And those differences which appear to be barriers are really stepping stones in our journey toward the goal of greater understanding."

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The Culpepper Bull Sale scheduled for January 23 was cancelled because of weather and re-scheduled for February 13.

"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

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Smoke detectors should always be installed in homes where woodstoves are used. Batteries should be replaced once a year.

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Interest paid by farmers have increased sixfold in the past 11 years, rising from $3.3 mil in 1970 to an estimated $19 mil in 1981.

What's so startling is that interest charges have now reached the point where they almost equal the nation's total net farm income which fell to $19.9 billion last year.

This increase has been much greater, too, than for overall farm production expenses which, themselves, have tripled since 1970.

Production expenses, nationwide, now average $56,000 per farm.

Interest expenses now account for 13 percent of farmers' total production costs compared with about 7 1-4 percent just 10 years ago.

It is no secret that farm debt has increased substantially and interest rates reached record levels of 20 percent or more in both 1980 and 1981.

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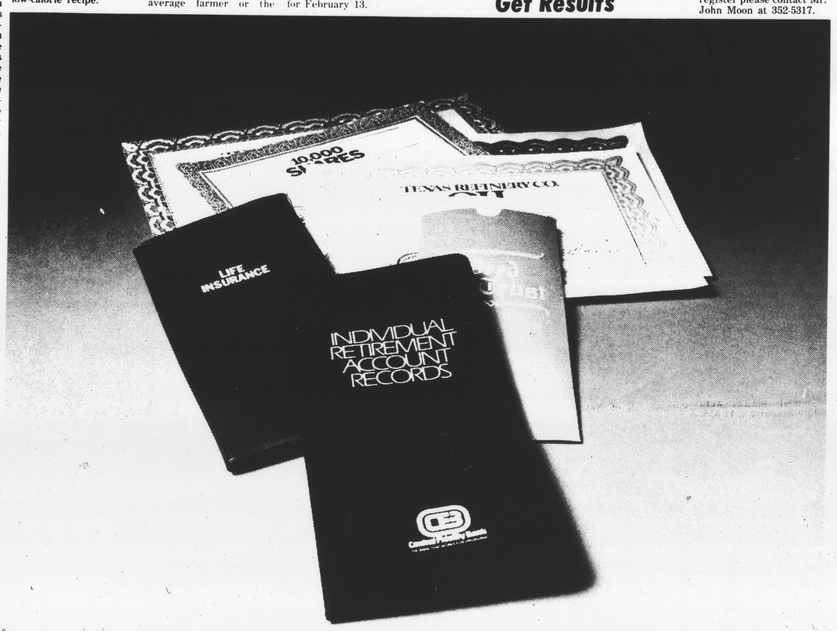
Marketing program planned

The Appomattox County Adult Marketing Program will be offering the course contact. Your First Impressions on February 10 and February 17, 1982 from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. This course will be held at the high school in room 305. Cost is $5.00.

Contact deals with employees first impressions that they make on customers and how this affects your business, whether positively or negatively. It stresses the importance of those first few seconds we spend with our customers. Are we losing customers from those just few seconds: If you are, contact was designed for you. Do you want to increase your sales. If so contact was designed for you.

Instructing the course will be Mr. Rodney Williams, Area Adult Supervisor for Marketing and Distribution. Mr. Williams has a vast array of experience in this field of training. To advance register please contact Mr. John Moon at 352-5317.



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45	40,000	208,063
50	30,000	100,142
55	20,000	44,140
60	10,000	15,080

*This investment (investing $2,000 per year at the first of each year until age 65 at a 13.34% interest rate compounded quarterly, to yield 14.02%. This is our rate and yield for the first quarter 1982. The amounts shown are projections, and are not guaranteed. Deposits are made into an 18-month, automatically renewable Investment Certificate which earns an interest rate that is compounded and adjusted quarterly. The rate and yield are indexed to the average equivalent yield for one-year Treasury Bills, based on the auction average at the last auction prior to the close of the quarter. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal.

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Obituaries

Thomas H. Abbitt

Thomas Hardy Abbitt, 86, of Route 6, Madison Heights, died Monday, January 25 at his home. His wife was the late Lemora Opa Abbitt.

He was born at Bloomfield, Appomattox County, the son of Charles Webb and Mary Hardy Abbitt. He was a retired mechanic and farmer, a veteran of World War I and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Bayley's Chapel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by one son, Thomas H. Abbitt Jr. of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Calvin L. Logwood of Madison Heights and Mrs. Franklin W. Mathewson of Springfield; one brother, J. B. Abbitt of Madison Heights; one sister, Mrs. E. A. Weakley of Chesapeake; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Didguid Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Steve Bird. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Diuguid Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth E. Cowan

Ruth E. Cowan, 41, Appomattox, died early Sunday, January 31 after an extended illness in Virginia Baptist Hospital. She was the wife of Bruce E. Cowan.

Born in Berlin, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Henry Hanson and Esther Westman Hanson. She was a member of Appomattox Courthouse Presbyterian Church. She attended Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa., and graduated from Longwood College in 1977 with a B.S. degree in English. She taught English and journalism at Appomattox County High School and was sponsor for the school newspaper, "The Raider Report."

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Linda, a sophmore at Virginia Tech, and Laurie, a junior at Appomattox County High School, and one brother, John H. Hanson, Berlin, Conn.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Appomattox Courthouse Presbyterian Church with burial in Liberty Cemtery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Floyd William Fitzgerald

TYRO - Floyd William Fitzgerald, 71, Tyro, died Monday night, February 1 at his home. His wife is Idelle Lawhorne Fitzgerald.

Born in Nelson County, he was a son of Patrick Henry Fitzgerald, Tyro, and the late Addie Lawhorne Fitzgerald. He was a retired farmer and a member of Harmony Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by six sons, Roger Fitzgerald of Arrington, Cleven Fitzgerald of Richmond, Russell, Glenn, and Thomas Fitzgerald, all of Tyro, and Charles Fitzgerald of Phenix; two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Allen, Madison Heights, and Mrs. Judy Pippin, Arrington; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Piney River Funeral Home, with burial in the family cemetery on Cox's Creek.

Piney River Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Raidee C. Hughs

Mrs. Raidee C. Hughs, 90, of 1111 Alabama Ave., Durham, N. C. died unexpectedly January 24 at her home. She was a retired employee of Pamplin Post Office. She moved to Durham, N.C. in 1956.

She is survived by two daughters, Martha Hughs of Durham, N. C. and Della Hughs of Baltimore, Md.; two sons, D. Paul Hughs and George R. Hughs, both of Richmond; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Miss Bessie Jones

Miss Bessie Lorraine Jones, 83, of Rt. 5, Mallow, died Sunday, Jan. 24 in Alleghany Regional Hospital.

Miss Jones was born October 31, 1898 in Isle of Wight County, the daughter of the late Madison Jones and Teresa Moody Jones.

She was a retired private nurse in Appomattox.

Miss Jones was a member of the Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox.

Surviving are six nieces, Mrs. Doris Vass of Covington, Mrs. John (Phyllis) Crizer of Rt, 5, Mallow, Miss Louise Jones and Miss Wanda Jones, both of Alexandria and Mrs. Peggy McDowell of Chesapeake, Va., and Mrs. Catherine Walton of Newport News; also a nephew, Harold Jones of Concord, N. C.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Moody Jones; a sister, Marie Cachanis, and two nephews, Charles Jones in 1979 and Kenneth W. Jones in 1981.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at 2 from the Chapel of Arritt Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Price officiating assisted by Rev. Gary S. McGrew.

Burial was in Alleghany Memorial Park.

Arritt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lewis Daniel Paris

Lewis Daniel Paris, 74, Route 1, died Friday night, January 29 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Walker Daniel Paris and Susie Sublett Paris. He was a retired lumberman and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie Leet Paris; a daughter, Mrs. Molly Paris Glover, Appomattox; a step-son, Oscar Whitten, Dillwyn; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Mary Lloyd, Colonial Beach, Mrs. Becky Moore, Appomattox, and Mrs. Peggy Franklin, Baltimore, Md.; 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three brothers, Hunter M. Paris, Lynchburg, Walker D. Paris and Thomas H. Paris, both of Newport News; four sisters, Mrs. Verna Snyder, Mrs. Lena Redman, Mrs. Lucinda Anderson and Mrs. Pauline Fornash, all of Newport News.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was in Concord Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rosa Godsey Powell

Rosa Godsey Powell, 37, Appomattox, died at 10:55 a.m. Saturday, January 30 in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was a daughter of Mayola Godsey Fulcher, Appomattox, and the late Calvin L. Godsey.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Teresa Ann Thompson and Miss Georgia Lynn Powell, both of Appomattox, and Mrs. Patricia Darlene Sines, Goode; a son, Ron D. Powell, a sister, Hilda F. McCormick, and a brother, James A. (Pete) Godsey, all of Appomattox, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in the Hollins family cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

James Taylor Summers

GLADSTONE - James Taylor (J.T.) Summers, 15, of Route 2, died Monday night, January 25 as a result of a sleighriding accident.

Born in Hagerstown, Md., he was a son of Dallas S. Summers of Chambersburg, Pa., and Sarah Phelps Summers of Gladstone. He was a sophomore at Appomattox County High School, a member of the Future Farmers of America and the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Thomas Zane Summers, Gladstone; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Binford Phelps, Gladstone, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Summers, Hagerstown, Md.; his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Maude N. Phelps, Gladstone, and his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Halsaver, Bradford, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

4-H News

Mrs. Walton's 4-H Club
By STACEY MOORE

Mrs. Walton's 4-H Club met on Monday, January 21, 1982. We discussed the Strawberry Project and the annual "Share-the-Fun". Our recreational leaders lead us in the game "musical chairs". The meeting was then adjourned.

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